

Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2017
Meeting to start at the conclusion of the Board of Finance Meeting
Town Hall Meeting Room

Attendance: First Selectman Nina Daniel called the meeting to order at 9:04 pm. Selectmen Chris Spaulding and Dennis Tracey were present. Also in attendance were Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Town Engineer John Conte, Town Attorney Patricia Sullivan, and members of the public.

This meeting was videotaped and can be viewed on Channel 79 and the Town of Weston website.

- 1- **Discussion/Decision about a proposed dog park:** Mr. Conte shared his findings concerning the construction of a dog park at the Transfer Station, Bisceglie Park, and Keene Park. Mr. Conte also shared two new alternate plans for a dog park at the town-owned 36 acre property located along Davis Hill Road and Lords Highway East. Alternate Route 1 features driveway access to the property from Davis Hill Road and Lords Highway East. Alternate Route 2 features driveway access to the property from Lords Highway East. Of all of the possible sites presented tonight by Mr. Conte, the Selectmen only spoke favorably of Alternate Route 2, which features a gravel driveway with sufficient space for an emergency response vehicle to turnaround. The Selectmen reached a consensus that the Transfer Station has insufficient parking for a dog park, that the wetlands at Bisceglie Park severely limit having a dog park at that location, and that the flood plains and wetlands at Keene Park severely limit having a dog park at that location. As for Alternate Route 2, Selectman Spaulding noted that the proposed gravel driveway would be impervious and would avoid possible sight line issues and possible wetlands issues that might come with constructing a driveway on Davis Hill Rd. First Selectman Daniel spoke in favor of Alternate Route 2, noting that the property could become an arboretum. Selectmen Tracey spoke favorably of Alternate Route 2. He noted that the total cost of Alternate Route 2 is approx \$188,000, which is about \$50,000 more than the original concept plan on this property. Selectman Tracey said the town should engage the Weston Dog Park Group about sharing costs associated with constructing of Alternate Route 2. Mr. Conte said he would pursue the viability of Alternate Route 2. Specifically, Mr. Conte said he would determine what it would cost to hire a surveyor and soil scientist to perform necessary work on site.
- 2- **Discussion /decision about a Master Municipal Agreement (MMA) for Rights-of-Way projects with the Connecticut Department of Transportation:** Town Attorney Pat Sullivan provided background information about the MMA. Selectman Spaulding moved and Selectman Tracey seconded to authorize the First Selectman to sign the agreement entitled “Master Municipal Agreement for Rights of Way Projects.” The motion passed unanimously.
- 3- **Adjournment:** Selectman Spaulding moved and Selectman Tracey seconded to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously at 10:23 pm.